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INDIANS REBEL IN MEXICO.

The People of Juquila, Mex., in a State of Terror Over Massacres by Indians.

TOWN OFFICERS MURDERED.

Shops Sacked and Then Burned by the Drunken Indians, Who Were Incensed at Being Taxed by the Government.

CITY OF MEXICO, April 14.—A telegram from Oaxaca City yesterday afternoon stated that the rebel Indians at the town of Juquila killed all the town councilors, school teachers, local priests, chief of police and the telegraph operator, in fact everyone holding a government place. The people are in terror. The Indians began their plotting in holy week, instigated by Indian lawyers, who informed them the new state taxes were unconstitutional, but the authorities paid no attention to the excitement among them considering they were engaged in their usual drunken celebration of the season. But, procuring arms and machetes, they made a rush for the town hall, and the perfect hastily closed the doors, which they soaked with petroleum and burned. They then effected an entrance, sacked the place, and penetrating the private apartments of the perfect, grossly maltreated the women of his family, and then, turning attention to the officials and armed servants, killed and wounded several.

The scene was a horrible one as the assault took place in the early evening, and the excitement of the mob was indescribable. The mob of drunken Indians, after sacking the town hall, went to the federal stamp office and assaulted it, burning down the outside door with petroleum, which also communicated fire to the entire house, placing Collector Gracinda, who was on the roof with his clerks, in a most perilous situation, but they managed to escape by the rear jumping from their lives.

Many shops were burned after being sacked, and the Indians decorated themselves with finery. They all fled in the approach of the soldiers, and are now in the hills. The revolt is local and will be suppressed. The instigators of the Indians will be severely punished, as they took advantage of their gross ignorance.

WILL MEET US HALF WAY.

Spain Will Probably Listen to Friendly Advice from Uncle Sam.

MADRID, April 13.—The leaders of the two greatest political parties in Spain declare that if the United States will approach the Spanish government in a friendly spirit and ask exactly what conditions of autonomy the Spanish government will grant to Cuba, before the former government recognizes the insurgents on the island as belligerents the Spanish will meet such overtures half way.

LONDON, April 14.—A dispatch from Madrid to the Pall Mall Gazette, published this afternoon says: "Senor Canovas del Castillo, the Spanish premier, is ill and cannot be interviewed. His relatives, however, confirm the existence of a 'communique' from President Cleveland. But, in the present state of public feeling, it will be impossible for the government to accept his offer. Matters are very complicated and, while the government will do everything in its power to avoid a quarrel with the United States, it will prefer to fight rather than lose Cuba through foreign pressure."

THE SOLDIER'S HOME FIGHT.

Gov. Morrill Said to Have Stirred Up the Kansas Delegation.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—Gov. Morrill has written to Congressman Steele of Indiana inquiring Gov. Smith of the soldiers' home at Leavenworth and Gen. Franklin, candidate for re-election to the board of managers of soldiers' homes. This is the report current and which has thoroughly aroused the members from Kansas. They say that Morrill's action surprises them because the old soldiers of Kansas are nearly unanimous in their opposition to both Smith and Franklin.

To head off whatever effect Morrill's letter might have, the Kansans have decided to urge the name of Gen. O. O. Howard as the successor to Franklin. Howard has agreed to accept the place and the Kansans will try to beat Franklin with him when the matter comes up.

Pearl Bryan's Head.

NEWPORT, Ky., April 16.—The attorneys for the commonwealth make the statement that they will prove that Jackson and Walling were together on the Covington suspension bridge soon after the murder of Pearl Bryan and that they were seen to throw the head of the murdered girl into the Ohio river.

Blood purified, disease cured, sickness and suffering relieved—this is the record made each year by Hood's Sarsaparilla.

THE MAYBRICK CASE.

The Senate Judicial Committee Reports Adversely on the Case.

WASHINGTON, April 13.—When the senate met to-day, Mr. Hoar, from the committee on judiciary, reported adversely Mr. Call's resolution proposing intervention in the case of Mrs. Maybrick. "I ask an indefinite postponement of the resolution," he said. The report was read. It cited briefly that the proposed intervention was not a subject within the jurisdiction of the senate.

After the passage of a number of private measures the house took up business relating to the District of Columbia.

WASHINGTON, April 13.—For fear that it may not secure the passage of the bill appropriating \$150,000 for a new federal prison at Leavenworth, the Kansas delegation is trying to get \$10,000 in the sundry civil bill. This would enable work to be started and then the big appropriation could be asked of the next congress.

WASHINGTON, April 13.—The house judiciary committee has been considering the six bankruptcy bill before it for about three weeks, and has finally determined to report the Torrey bill.

WASHINGTON, April 13.—The president to-day sent to the senate the nomination of Pittsburgh Lee, of Virginia, to be consul general of the United States at Havana, Cuba, vice Ramon O. Williams, resigned.

DREW THE LINE ON DEBS.

Chicago University Faculty Excludes the Labor Agitator from the Programme.

CHICAGO, April 15.—At a meeting of the Oratorical association of Chicago university it was decided to invite Eugene V. Debs to speak during the next quarter. When the members of the faculty were apprised of the intended invitation they immediately sent out for the representatives of the association and firmly demanded that no such invitation should be issued. They declared that Mr. Debs belonged to a dangerous element and his appearance at the University of Chicago, with the sanction of the faculty, would endanger the standing of the institution among the orthodox. The oratorical association is disposed to resent the position which the faculty has taken.

INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION.

Meeting of Citizens at St. Louis to Aid in the Movement.

ST. LOUIS, April 15.—This city will add her quota in the now widespread effort to secure the establishment of a permanent international board of arbitration, to which all disputes between the United States and Great Britain may be referred for final settlement, thus avoiding the possibility of war between the greatest of English speaking countries, a meeting of representative citizens having been held at the Mercantile club last night, and it was decided to send representatives to Washington next week to participate in the conference of men favorable to the establishment of the board.

Robbers Cut Away Silver.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., April 15.—The Farmers' bank at Maitland was robbed last night by three masked men, who blasted the outer safe open and secured \$1,000 in silver but couldn't get into the inner safe. The robbers stole a team and wagon and hauled the silver away. Fred Collison, a young man who rooms in the building, was found in a room over the bank, bound and gagged and carried into the banking room.

Armour's Reduce Their Force.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 15.—A general reduction of the force in all the departments of the Armour's packing house was made yesterday afternoon. About 15 per cent. of the men were laid off. At the house this morning it was said that the cut was made simply because there was nothing for the men to do. No time is set for their re-employment.

Bank Burglars Felled.

DES MOINES, Ia., April 15.—Burglars blew up a safe and wrecked a bank at Des Moines this morning at one o'clock. Citizens were awakened and opened fire and the burglars left their tools and fled without money. A bottle of unexploded nitro-glycerine is still inside the safe and the bankers fear to open it. The damage to the safe and the building is \$400.

A Gentleman's Agreement.

CHICAGO, April 15.—One of the most important provisions of the agreement adopted by the recently formed "steel pool" was the posting of a forfeit of \$10,000 by each of the firms interested, accompanied with a gentleman's agreement to abide by the rules as laid down by the pool.

Retrenching on the Memphis Route.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 15.—Vice President Washburn, of the Memphis railway, has begun a reign of retrenchment and reform on the system, which is expected to result in an increase of earnings for the year 1896. The primary cause of the movement is decreased freight and passenger traffic.

Is when nearly everyone feels the need of some blood purifying, strength invigorating and health producing medicine. The real merit of Hood's Sarsaparilla is in the nature of its widespread popularity. Its successful success is its best recommendation. The whole system is susceptible to the most potent of medicine. Hood's Sarsaparilla taken at this time, and we would lay special stress upon the time and remedy for kidney has recorded that delays are dangerous. The remarkable success achieved by Hood's Sarsaparilla and the many words of praise it has received, make it worthy of your confidence. We ask you to give this medicine a fair trial.

FREE SILVERITES GAINING.

President Cleveland Expresses Surprise at Their Great Strength.

VETERANS' BURIAL PLACES.

The Dead Soldiers and Sailors of the War of 1812 Remembered—The Soldiers' Home at Leavenworth, Kan., Occupies the House.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—There is a radical change in administration circles about the control of the democratic national convention. Until now the president and his advisers have felt no doubt that the sound money sentiment would control at Chicago on July 7. But the information brought to Washington from various parts of the country by the meeting of the executive committee of the National League of Democratic clubs does not support this view. It is now conceded by many administration democrats to be almost certain that the free silver democrats will control the convention, and will put in the platform a declaration for independent free coinage at sixteen to one. The president, in conversation with prominent sound money democrats drawn here by the executive committee meeting, has expressed his surprise at the strength the free silver movement is showing. He has expressed his fears that the convention will be carried by it, and has urged that there be no relaxation in the fight for sound money. He has declared his willingness to do all in his power to strengthen that cause. At the same time the president has expressed himself emphatically against anything in the form of compromise. He wants the sound money democrats to ask no concession and to give none in the convention, believing that it is best the fight shall come now and be ended.

Veterans' Burial Places.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—In the senate the bill for the protection and preservation of burial places of soldiers and sailors of the war of 1812 was reported and passed. The DuPont election case was then taken up.

At the close of the morning's business in the house to-day, Representative Hull, chairman of the committee on military affairs, called up the resolution relating to the appointment of managers for the national soldiers' home, and Mr. Blaine, of Kansas, secured the floor and said that 8,000 old soldiers of Kansas and Missouri, who were incarcerated in the semiprison at Leavenworth, Kan., demanded just treatment at the hands of this congress, and time should be allowed for a proper presentation of the condition of things at Leavenworth. He then moved an amendment to the committee report that the name of Gen. O. O. Howard be substituted for that of W. B. Franklin as one of the members of the board of managers. He denied that he had any personal interest in the fight on Gov. Smith, but said that his only desire was to secure humane treatment for the soldiers.

How a Vandalism Reported.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—Senator Hoar, from the committee on judiciary, yesterday favorably reported from that committee an amendment to the sundry civil bill providing for the erection of a penitentiary south of the 39th degree of latitude and east of the Rocky mountains, and appropriating \$100,000 to begin the work. Senator Platt, from the same committee, favorably reported the bill giving to any state having a claim for expense incurred in defense of the union the right to have it adjudicated by the court of claims.

Colfax Correspondence Sent to the Senate. WASHINGTON, April 15.—The president sent to the senate to-day 400 type-written pages of correspondence in reference to affairs in Cuba from November, 1875, to 1878, in regard to the attempts of the United States to offer mediation or intervention in the first Cuban rebellion. This correspondence was called for by a resolution of the senate. The correspondence has nearly all been printed in executive documents.

The Free Alcohol Cases to Go.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—The house committee on ways and means to-day decided to report favorably the bill introduced by M. C. W. Stone, of Pennsylvania, to repeal the section of the Wilson act which gave free alcohol for use in the arts and manufactures. The internal revenue officials have acknowledged their inability to carry out the provisions of the law.

To Honor the Great's Coronation.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—The United States navy will be represented at the festivities attending the coronation of the czar by the triple screw steam cruiser Minneapolis, the swiftest vessel in the navy. The vessel has been docked and put in order at the Italian government dock at Tarsato.

Munich Reorganization.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—Senator Hawley introduced a general bill for the reorganization of the militia. The bill is a voluminous document and is a complete reorganization of the existing laws.

Even Your Feet Cannot Escape.

LAWRENCE, Kan., April 15.—Prof. Blake took a Roentgen picture of Chancellor Snow's foot last night before the Eastern Kansas Medical society. A five minute exposure with a current of 500,000 volts revealed the chancres of the foot through his shoe, the bones showing clearly. About 100 Kansas doctors were present.

MAY CAPTURE GEORGE TAYLOR.

A Deputy Sheriff and posse close on the Trail of the Fugitive Criminal.

CARROLLTON, Mo., April 15.—Last night Sheriff Stanley received a telegram from Bogard, seven miles north of here, asking for men to be sent at once. He telegraphed back, asking if they had a clew to the whereabouts of George Taylor and the response came that they had. Stanley is sick, so he sent Deputy Cummings with a posse of eight men. Enough more went to make 25 in all and everybody was well armed. A deputy sheriff returned this morning and said a man had told him that he knew George Taylor well and that he had seen him in that neighborhood Monday and Tuesday afternoon. The deputy says that a bed of straw was found in a ravine, with scraps of food scattered about, also a coat and some bandages.

A FARM HAND'S FIND.

He Discovers \$800 in an Old Boot Under His Employer's House.

DEXTER, Mo., April 15.—Jim Edwards, a farm hand working for Frank Vincent, in the southern part of Stoddard county, found \$800 in an old boot under Vincent's house. Edwards let five of his companions into the secret, and with them lived in such luxury as to arouse the suspicions of the community. Harry Watson, one of these, went to Bernie a few days ago and got drunk, and while intoxicated gave away the secret. A rope was placed around Watson's neck, and after one or two pulls he was induced to give the names of his associates, all of whom have been arrested and placed under bonds. Vincent had \$800 in the boot and had not missed it till Watson's spree at Bernie. About one-half of the money was recovered.

SOLDIERS MUTILATED.

Menelik, the Abyssinian Warrior, Said to Have Amputated the Legs of Italian Prisoners.

BERLIN, April 15.—Two car loads of artificial limbs left yesterday for Naples, destined for the unfortunate Italian prisoners whom Menelik abandoned after frightfully mutilating them. The Abyssinian warrior is declared not only to have amputated their legs from a point just above the knees, but also to have practiced still worse barbarities on the wretched men. It is said that because of their mutilations the men are unwilling to return to Italy and that the government is trying to find homes for them in Africa.

THE VATICAN THREATENED.

The Pope Notified by Radical That Catholics Must be Allowed to Participate in Elections.

ROME, April 15.—Marquis di Rudini, the prime minister, has apprised the vatican that the exequaturs hitherto accorded to Italian bishops will be withheld unless the pope permits Catholics to take part in the public elections. The pope will not, it is said, consent to enter into any negotiations whatever on the subject. The relations existing between the vatican and the quirk are intensely strained, and this communication from the premier, which is in the nature of a threat, may precipitate a crisis.

Killed by a Fly Wheel.

ST. LOUIS, April 15.—Richard Michel, employed as fireman in the Carriage Marble and White Lime Co.'s works, Vandeventer and Chouteau avenues, met death yesterday by coming in contact with the large fly wheel of the engine. He was oiling the wheel, when his clothing caught in the belt, causing him to make two revolutions with the huge wheel before the machinery could be stopped. His features were badly disfigured and almost every bone in his body was broken. He expired 30 minutes after the accident.

The Coal Mining Industry.

COLUMBUS, O., April 15.—In the report of Secretary-Treasurer Patrick McElroy, of the United Mine Workers of America, he says the coal trade was better prior to 1890 than it is now. The value of coal on board the cars at the mines for 1890 was \$110,450,851, and for 1894 the value was \$1,768,350, less than in 1890, although the product was greater by 7,300,390 tons. This condition, so detrimental to both miner and operator, was caused, he said, by the system of the survival of the fittest.

New Railroad to Shreveport, La.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 15.—The Kansas City, Pittsburg & Gulf railway is operating trains into Shreveport, La., from Horatio, a distance of 173 miles. The bridge across the Arkansas river will be completed in ten days, and by May 15 there will be continuous freight and passenger service between Kansas City and Poteau, L. T. The entire line between Kansas City and Port Arthur will be open by September 1.

A Barn Burner Strung Up.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., April 15.—York Douglas was hanged by unknown parties on Long mountain. Douglas was an all around bad character. A barn belonging to his brother was burned some months ago, and suspicion pointed to York as the incendiary. A number of cattle, horses and mules had been killed by poisoning, and suspicion rests against Douglas for these outrages.

Boy Burned to Death at Oak Grove, Mo.

OAK GROVE, Mo., April 15.—Two sons of Frank Steinhilber, who lives north of here, the boys being aged seven and four respectively, were playing about a straw stack yesterday when the younger set fire to the stack and the elder was burned to death.

HELD UP THE CARD PLAYERS.

A Masked Man Demands Money of a Progressive Buckle Party.

SCHOOLHOUSE DYNAMITED.

The Post Office at East Palestine, O., Looted—Burglars Rob a Bank Safe and Then Change the Combination.

ROCK ISLAND, Ill., April 15.—George Sample, alias Harry Avery, is in jail here, having been captured last night in a private residence while attempting to hold up a progressive buckle party. He entered the house during the evening masked and with drawn revolvers demanded of one of the men guests to take up a collection for him. While pressing his request another guest quietly stole up behind the robber and sprang upon his back. Sample fired, but the shot did no damage and before he could recover himself three men grappled with him and overpowered him. Meanwhile the police had been summoned by one of the women, who slipped through a side window and telephoned from a neighboring house. The incident naturally created a great sensation and several of the ladies came near fainting.

A School Wrecked by Dynamite.

SAGINAW, Mich., April 15.—The Central school building on the west side was wrecked by dynamite early this morning. It was the oldest and largest of the big schools on that side of the river and for years has been a bone of contention. At two o'clock a terrific explosion occurred, which wrecked the building and which was followed by fire. The library was also destroyed. The school had a capacity of 800 pupils. The loss is \$40,000, with \$27,000 insurance. A vigorous effort will be made to unearth the dynamite. J. W. Burnham, who was watching the fire, was run down by a bicycle and probably fatally injured.

A Post Office Looted.

YOUNGSTOWN, O., April 15.—A special from East Palestine says: About three o'clock this morning the safe in the post office was blown open and looted of about \$200 in money and \$500 in stamps. The burglars were seen leaving the post office about five minutes after the explosion was heard, but no effort was made to apprehend them and they made their escape on a passenger train on the Pennsylvania road.

Burglars Loot a Bank.

TOLEDO, O., April 15.—A special from Toledo says that burglars looted the private bank in that town last night. They succeeded in opening the safe without the use of explosives, and after probably taking everything it contained, changed the combination so that the vault could not be opened when the cashier tried it this morning.

A COURT ROOM TRAGEDY.

A Prisoner Shoots Down Two Officers and Is Himself Killed.

CENTRAL CITY, Col., April 15.—This morning, during a case in court, Samuel Covington, a visitor, charged with endeavoring to intimidate a witness denied the assertion, hotly and being threatened with arrest, pulled a gun and killed ex-Mayor Williams and mortally wounded City Marshal Kelcher. Covington, while endeavoring to escape, was then shot dead by Henry Lemman.

No Color Line on Juries.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—A number of important decisions were handed down yesterday in the supreme court. In the cases of John Gibson and Charles Smith, colored men, convicted of murder in Mississippi and appealed on the ground that no negroes were on the jury, the court ruled that each state was competent to prescribe the qualifications of jurors and dismissed the appeal, declaring inferentially against any provisions as to color.

Failed to Instruct for Read.

WORCESTER, Mass., April 15.—The third congressional district republican convention was held in this city to-day. After the delegates and alternates had been elected an attempt to instruct them failed to carry by a decisive vote. It looked as though the delegates were about evenly divided as between Reed and McKinley.

Refused Religious Portal.

BERLIN, April 15.—The Kaiser has ordered that the body of Baron Schrader, who died as a result of his duel with Von Kottze, be not permitted to lie in any church, nor has it been received by any of them. The Empress Frederick was appealed to, but she only said she was sorry and refused to interfere.

Yielded to Temptation.

ATCHESON, Kan., April 15.—J. A. Shortridge, of Leavenworth, who has had charge of the nursery stock of Holman & Benkes, of Leavenworth here, disappeared Monday, and the firm received a letter from him yesterday confessing that he was guilty of embezzlement. His shortage is estimated at \$1,500.

Washington Democrats Not Instructed.

TACOMA, Wash., April 15.—The silver men in the democratic state convention made an all day fight for a silver platform and a silver delegation instructed to vote for a free coinage candidate for president. President Cleveland's administration was denounced. A free silver resolution was adopted, but the delegates were not instructed.

DEMOCRATS AT SEDALIA.

Batch Made Temporary Chairman—Held for President—The District Delegates.

SEDALIA, Mo., April 15.—It was just noon to-day when Chairman Moffitt called the democratic state convention to order. Rev. J. S. Meyer opened the convention with prayer, after which the temporary chairman, ex-Congressman W. B. Hatch, was introduced. He said: "This convention comes straight from an oppressed people instructed in the cause of true democracy. I have had the honor to stand side by side in congress with Hon. Dick Bland." The convention for two minutes applauded wildly, standing up to wave its hats and shout. Hatch brought wild cheers by declaring that the recent democratic primaries were a tremendous and absolute victory for a great cause in which the silver men had carried every county of the state. "I urge you," he said, "whatever you do to stand on the great principles of democracy. As long as we are democrats we are right. When you go outside of democratic principles you are likely to make mistakes. Whatever is right in the interest of the great masses of the people is always democratic." Hatch predicted that the republicans would be paralyzed in Missouri next fall and the people would be free from the burdens they had borne for 33 years.

Delegates to the national convention, as chosen by district caucuses, were: First district, John A. Knott, D. E. Gillespie; Second, W. L. Eades, C. H. Crowley; Third, J. A. Cross, Dr. W. H. Norton; Fourth, C. F. Cochran, W. C. Ellison; Fifth, J. D. Showalter, one not chosen because of the Jackson county contest; Sixth, D. A. DeArmond, W. S. Bryan; Seventh, E. W. Stevens, E. A. Barber; Eighth, James F. Bradshaw, Lou V. Stephens; Ninth, Thomas B. Gibson, W. L. Gupion; Tenth, contested delegations and no election; Eleventh, Nicholas Bell, Hugh Brady; Twelfth, C. C. Moffitt, M. C. Wetmore; Thirteenth, J. F. Green, E. K. Lyle; Fourteenth, Marshall Arnold, W. N. Evans; Fifteenth, M. E. Benton, J. W. Halliburton. In view of the accepted fact that Bland will be endorsed for the presidency his name will be withdrawn as delegate-at-large, and ex-Congressman W. H. Hatch, of Hannibal, will doubtless be sent instead.

The state central committee named Jefferson City as the place to hold the state nominating convention and set the date on August 3.

OLYMPIAN GAMES CLOSED.

The King of Greece Personally Distributed the Prizes to Each Victor.

ATHENS, April 15.—The Olympian games were closed to-day with the distribution of prizes to the victors in the various contests. The weather was perfect and the stadium was crowded with people. When the king and the royal party arrived, a pindaric ode on the games was delivered by Mr. Robertson, an American, after which, according to the ancient custom, the king personally handed to each winner of a first prize a wreath fashioned of wild olive plucked from the trees at Olympia and laurel wreaths were given to the winners of second prizes. All the prize winners then received diplomas and medals. The stadium band then played the national air of each country represented in the games, to which music all of the prize winners paraded. After the parade the games were declared by the king to be ended.

Popular with the Farmers.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 15.—The Santa Fe, Memphis and Missouri Pacific railways have posted notices to the stock yards in this city that they will comply with the order made last week by the Kansas board of railroad commissioners requiring them to return to the plan of charging for freight on shipments of live stock by the car load instead of by the 100 pounds. The change at present is only temporary, but is popular with shippers and commission men.

Convicts Cured of Consumption.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., April 15.—The aseptic cure for consumption has been tried on three convicts in the western penitentiary, with remarkable success. The convicts all had pulmonary tuberculosis and were considered incurable. A month's treatment shows an uninterrupted record of rapid and marvelous improvement, until the patients are to external appearances, well men.

Shot Himself in the Mouth.

FULTON, Mo., April 15.—William Berghauer, one of the best known hardware merchants in central Missouri, while at his home in North Fulton, at noon yesterday, shot himself in the mouth. The cause for the act is not known, but he has been drinking heavily for some time, and it is thought he was temporarily insane. He is still alive, but it is thought he will die during the night.

Crushed Beneath a Fall of Rock.

JOLLY, Ill., April 15.—William Hoy and Thomas Riley were instantly killed in mine R, at Braidwood. The men were at work in the mine, when an immense fall of stone from the roof occurred, burying the men under tons of debris. When dug out from under the rock both men were dead.

Was in a Hurry to Die.

XENIA, O., April 15.—Charles Morris, the confessed murderer of Mr. and Mrs. Donahue, committed suicide this morning by cutting his throat, when told to get ready to go to Columbus to be hanged.

CUT TO PIECES BY A TRAIN.

Two Men Killed on a Railroad Crossing at Looneyville, N. Y.

OKLAHOMA PRAIRIE FIRES.

Each Hay and Several Homes Burned—A Noted Fire Fighter Dead—A Headed Murderer His Wife and Then Commits Suicide.

BUFFALO, N. Y., April 15.—Looneyville, a little station on the New York Central railroad ten miles from this city, was the scene of a horrible accident early last night which resulted in the loss of two lives. Peter Pretzler and John Lelminger were driving across the tracks when their buggy was struck by a fast mail train. Both men and the horse were instantly killed and the buggy reduced to splinters. The forces with which the men were struck was so great that their bodies were cut to pieces and strewn along the track several rods.

Prairie Fires in Oklahoma.

PERMY, Ok., April 15.—Persons arriving from west of here tell of prairie fires in which quantities of hay and several houses were burned. One woman and two children had narrow escapes while trying to save their home. A man named Jones was arrested for disobeying prairie fire laws, and there is talk of lynching.

Murder and Suicide.

BROOKLYN, April 15.—Frederick Merriek, aged 28 years, lived with his wife in the Hellar apartment house. Early to-day while his wife Ida was asleep in bed Merriek shot and killed her. Merriek then went into the front room of the flat and shot himself in the temple. Death followed soon afterward. Jealousy is believed to have been the motive for the murder and suicide.

A Noted Fire Fighter Dead.

OMAHA, Neb., April 15.—Ex-Fire Chief John Galligan died last night of consumption. For 35 years he served as Omaha's fire chief, was probably one of the best known fire fighters of the west and saved many lives. Last year had health forced him to retire.

Cleveland's Brother Unfortunate.

CHAMONT, N. Y., April 15.—Rev. William N. Cleveland, brother of President Cleveland, has lost his position as pastor of the Presbyterian church in this city, through the action of the presbytery. There has been trouble in the church for more than a year.

At St. Louis in September.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—The executive committee of the National Association of Democratic clubs held a meeting in this city yesterday. It was decided to hold the national convention of the association September 30 next at St. Louis.

Holmes Will Become a Catholic.

PHILADELPHIA, April 15.—The North American prints a story to the effect that H. H. Holmes, the murderer, will become a Catholic. He will be baptized, says the story, and with all the ceremony of a papal benediction.

A Kansas State Senator Resigns.

TOPEKA, Kan., April 15.—State Senator Harry Landis, of Matilene Lodge, has resigned. Mr. Landis is a populist, and it is said that he gave up his present position in order to enter the race for lieutenant-governor.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEVITIES.

At La Cygne, Kan., Sam Johnson struck H. H. Bliss over the head with a club, killing him.

The stock yards at Des Moines, Ia., were forced to quit business owing to the opposition of railroads.

F. M. Rodman, a U. P. brakeman, was run over and horribly mangled by freight cars at Kansas City, Kan.